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**PSC SCHEDULES HEARING APRIL 28 IN GREAT FALLS
ON ENERGY WEST'S PROPOSED GAS RATE INCREASE**

The state Public Service Commission will hold a hearing in Great Falls on Thursday, April 28, concerning Energy West's request to increase natural gas rates to its Great Falls customers.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. at the County Courthouse Annex, Tax Appeals Room #104.

Energy West, citing higher costs of doing business, originally proposed a total revenue increase of approximately \$1.12 million, which, if approved, would have resulted in rate increases of about 4 percent for residential service customers and about 5 percent for small commercial customers. However, pursuant to an agreement between Energy West and the Montana Consumer Counsel, which represents small customer interests in rate cases before the PSC, the requested increase in Energy West's annual revenues was reduced to approximately \$536,000.

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